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CAMPAIGN 2002: DEMO AG LOCKYER IS IN GREAT SHAPE FOR REELECTION AGAINST SEN. ACKERMAN.

Editor's note: Of the three down ballot incumbent Demos seeking reelection in 2002, Atty. General Bill Lockyer and Treas. Phil Angelides are in an excellent position to win reelection. Especially Lockyer. Here's our update & analysis...

...In the newest Field Poll, Lockyer holds a 12-point lead over Orange Co. State Sen. Dick Ackerman(R): 45% vs. 33%. Lockyer's name ID stands at 52%. And in Lockyer's own private polling (Sacto-based Jim Moore), he's ahead by what sources say is a healthy margin. But more impressive is Lockyer's campaign warchest: nearly \$7 million vs. only \$62,000 for Ackerman, cash on hand on 6/30/02. Regardless, there are some sources who say in this 2002 election cycle, given the prospects of a low voter turnout Nov. 5th, *incumbency by itself won't cut it unless there's a solid campaign to back everything up*. And this seems to be the theory that Lockyer is operating on: incumbency is a big advantage, but make sure the money and endorsements are there too...

...Lockyer's endorsement list is impressive: 29 county DAs (including a number of GOP DAs); 31 sheriffs; tons of local PD chiefs and many local POAs/DSAs. Statewide groups backing Lockyer include CA Police Chiefs Assn. (only group to back Lockyer both times); CAUSE; CA State Sheriffs Assn.; and PORAC. Lots of other groups too, but CCPOA hasn't given its nod just yet and the CDA (CA Dist. Attys. Assn.) doesn't endorse in this contest...

...So what's the explanation of how a liberal Demo like Lockyer is able to get all this law & order backing? While Lockyer may be pro-choice, he's also pro-death penalty and pro-3 strikes. But there's more. According to one source, "Most AGs get caught up in the *I'm the top cop* attitude. Lockyer's different. He sees the CA DOJ as a support resource for local law enforcement and he views his role as *consultive* with local law enforcement as opposed to *here's my view*." In addition, most sources give Lockyer's DOJ high marks in the *War on Terrorism*. The CA Anti-Terror-

ism Information Center + the NYPD's Counter Terrorism Div. have been tapped by the Defense Intelligence Agency to participate in a special model federal/state/local effort to battle terrorism...

...Has Ackerman made any dents in Lockyer's armor? Not really, but he's certainly trying. He's trying to put the AG on the spot by demanding a probe of Gov. Gray Davis' fundraising. In other words, has Davis stepped over the line in raising a \$60 million warchest? In a letter to Ackerman, Lockyer wrote, "I would note that on their face, none of the incidents summarized in your campaign press releases indicate the presence of any express quid pro quo connecting campaign contributions and an official action by Gov. Davis." But Lockyer has OKed an inquiry by Chief Asst. AG Robert Anderson (criminal division), so the issue wasn't DOA. Most Demo sources see Ackerman's attack as *politics as usual*. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2002: CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE RACES.

Editor's note: Here is Part II in our continuing series of updates about key CA Legislative contests...

...As noted last week, Demos hold 26 of 40 CA State Senate seats and 50 of 80 CA State Assembly seats. Most *Cal-peek* sources believe the State Senate will remain at 26/14, but a few think it's possible for the GOP to pick up open 12th SD (covered in last week's issue). In the Assembly, most believe Demos could go up or down by no more than 1-2 (in either direction). All sources agree that *voter turnout* will be critical in the tight races...

☒ **17th AD** – Incumbent Demo Assemblywoman Barbara Matthews of Tracy considers herself to be the "most vulnerable" of all incumbent Demos in this election cycle. The former Tracy councilwoman faces GOP attorney Brian McCabe of Merced. Reason for Matthews statement: in late 2001 and early 2002, GOPers mounted a huge voter registration drive. In February the registration was 46.63%(D) vs. 41.50%(R), with 8.60% (DTS). Given the moderate leanings of voters in this Central Valley AD, GOPers were

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giving themselves *high fives* and predicting a Matthews loss Nov. 5th. But the Demos have struck back – massively. The CDP's registration drive has added 26,000 new Demo voters (a net of 9,204 D vs. -444 R from 2/02 to 9/16/02). So there is now a 10-point gap. Consultant Richie Ross is feeling more confident – but not over confident. This AD now leans Demo once again...

☒ **35th AD** – Incumbent Demo Assemblywoman Hanna-Beth Jackson of Santa Barbara was a GOP target until very recently. And in former Santa Barbara School Bd. president Bob Pohl(R) the GOP might have had a shot. But sadly, Pohl had to suspend campaigning because he's been diagnosed with cancer and has pulled out of the race. This AD has 44.38%(D) vs. 33.05%(R) registration, but Pohl was considered an excellent GOP candidate...

☒ **26th AD** – This open AD covering Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties is currently held by Demo Assemblyman Dennis Cardoza. But Cardoza is now running for the 18th CD (same general area) and when the 26th was re-drawn in the 2001 it was made into a more GOP-leaning AD. The GOP candidate is attorney/school trustee Greg Aghazarian of Stockton. His Demo rival is attorney/Yosemite Community College Bd. trustee Tom Hallinan, who is a former U.S. DOJ prosecutor. If Aghazarian's name sounds familiar, it is because he ran against Barbara Matthews two years ago in the 17th AD and lost. During that campaign, Aghazarian accused Matthews of taking tobacco money. Now the tobacco shoe is on Ag's foot and Hallinan is going after him with a \$50,000 radio campaign (\$ supplied by the CDP). Demo consultant Richie Ross thinks Aghazarian may have a "glass jaw" on this issue. We'll see. In terms of endorsements, Aghazarian is supported by COPS, CCPOA, San Joaquin Co. Sheriff Baxter Dunn; Hallinan's backers include the Stanislaus Co.DSO, Stanislaus Co. Sheriff Les Weidman and the Modesto Firefighters. Although Aghazarian has raised more money than Hallinan, it's the political parties who are the key players in legislative contests. Keep your eyes on the CDP to see how much they spend. Aghazarian's campaign is run by Sacto-based Johnson Clark & Assoc. This AD leans GOP, but it is on our watchlist. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S CALENDAR OF POLITICAL EVENTS

Sept. 30	Last day for Governor to sign bills.
Oct. 7	1 st CA gubernatorial debate, L.A.
Oct. 17-19	U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, L.A. Convention Center.
Oct. 21	Last day to register for November election.
Nov. 1	VICA's 14 th annual Business Forecast Conf. 7:30 a.m. Warner Center Marriott Hotel.
Nov. 5	Calif. General Election.

CAMPAIGN 2002: CALIFORNIA INITIATIVE UPDATE.

Editor's note: Here's an update on some of the key State-wide ballot measures facing voters Nov. 5th...

◆ **Prop. 49** – The polling data suggests that GOP actor Arnold Schwarzenegger's After School Education & Safety initiative is a slam dunk to win on Nov. 5th, but there is now growing opposition. Latest to sound off against Prop. 49 is the 100,000-member CA Federation of Teachers(AFL-CIO). While not as large as the CTA (330,000), the CFT has clout and if they decide to toss in some money to fight 49, it will heat up the debate. CFT leader Mary Bergen says the group supports the intent, but that Prop. 49 doesn't really provide any new funding for after school programs. CFT thus joins with the CA League of Women Voters, AAUW, CA NOW and the Small School District Assn. on the opposition list. FYI: New YES on 49 endorsements include CCPOA and CAUSE (CA Union of Safety Employees)...

◆ **Prop. 47** – Some new polling data by the Public Policy Inst. of CA (PPIC) shows YES on 47 (K-University facilities bond) with 59% YES vs. 32% NO, with 9% undecided. The PPIC poll was taken Sept. 12-21, among 1,005 likely voters...

◆ **Prop. 50** – PPIC's new polling data for this big water bond shows 44% YES vs. 40% NO, with 16% undecided. This water bond measure is leading in L.A. and S.F., but trails in the Central Valley. The PPIC poll also shows Prop. 50 favored by Demos (54% to 26%), but among GOP voters it is losing (31% YES vs. 54% NO)...

◆ **Prop. 52** – The Election Day Voter Registration initiative (EDVR) backed by S.F. businessman Rob McKay shows mixed polling. The Field Poll shows it trailing, while the Public Policy Inst. of CA surveys shows it leading. New endorsements on the YES side include CA Teamsters Public Affairs Council, L.A. Controller Laura Chick, Nat'l Assn. of Latino Elected Officials, AAUW, U.S. Rep. Susan Davis and State Sen. Jack Scott(D)...

... The NO on 52 forces, up until recently, were mostly all GOPers, DAs and county sheriffs (Citizens & Law Enforcement Against Election Fraud), but now NO on 52 is beginning to crack the political party wall: Demo State Sen. Joe Dunn of Orange Co. has come out against 52. And so has the L.A. Co. Demo Central Cmt., along with the Stonewall Demo Club in L.A. Some of these Demos think if 52 is approved, it will lead to *last minute primary sneak attacks*. Interesting. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2002: S.F. BALLOT LOADED WITH VERY CONTROVERSIAL AND HIGH PROFILE MEASURES.

Editor's note: There are 19 local ballot measures facing San Francisco voters on Nov. 5th (Props. A – S). And among the more controversial are A, B, D, N & O, and S. For example, Prop. "S" is S.F.'s digital salute aimed at AG John Ashcroft and the Feds. It would allow S.F. to grow and sell marijuana for medical purposes. According to a new poll (Matier & Ross column in the *S.F. Chron*), it's got 70% support. Here's an update on D & B...

◆ **Prop. D** – This is Round #2 in the battle over public power in S.F. Only this time the backers of public power (vs. PG&E) have taken the indirect route. If approved by voters, Prop. D would create a new S.F. PUC – which could sell bonds (without a vote) and could also raise power prices. The bonds could be used in a buyout of PG&E in S.F. According to NO on D (*San Franciscans Against The Blank Check*), internal polling shows NO ahead. But the polling data run in the *S.F. Chron* shows D locked in a 40% vs. 40% battle. This survey was taken for a group of Bay area businesses by the Oakland-based polling firm of Evans McDonough. 400 sample size and sources say it came out of the field the week of Sept. 9th...

◆ **Prop. B** – This is the \$250 million affordable housing bond measure, supported by S.F. Mayor Willie Brown, U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi, Senate Pres. John Burton, S.F. Treas. Susan Leal, DA Terence Hallinan, Assemblymembers Kevin Shelley & Carole Migden + Board of Supes Chair Tom Ammiano and 8 other supes. The S.F. Chamber, S.F. Central Labor Council and the S.F. Demo Central Committee are also supporting. Few deny there is a huge housing shortage in S.F. Part of the bond (\$183.5 million) goes to build or renovate new rental homes for seniors and working families. The remaining \$64.4 million will be used to build new affordable homes and to help first time buyers with down payments. There will be an increase in the property tax amounting to \$22.90 for every \$100,000 of assessed value. The Evans McDonough survey showed support at 54%. An early survey taken in June by Goodwin Simon Research showed support at 74%...

...But there is opposition. NO on Prop. B is being led by Supes. Leland Yee and Tony Hall, with support from the S.F. Taxpayers & Homeowners Assn., the Coalition for S.F. Neighborhoods, the Coalition for Better Housing, the S.F. Assn. of Realtors, Residential Builders Assn., S.F. Apartment Assn. and Professional Property Mgrs. Assn. of S.F. It's an unusual coalition lined up against B because renters and a number of landlord and building/real estate

groups are on the same side. The main argument is not that S.F. doesn't need the new housing, but that the previous \$100 million bond to build 3,000 new affordable units fell way short. The NO on B side puts the blame on Mayor Brown's administration. The NO side has money, so despite the current poll, this battle is far from over. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2002: VICA VOTES FOR SECESSION, BUT YES ON F CAMPAIGN FIRM RESIGNS IN A SURPRISE.

Editor's note: 24-hours after scoring a major win for San Fernando Valley independence as *VICA*, the Valley Industry & Commerce Assn., voted to endorse **YES on F**, the SFV Independence committee was blind sided when its lead consultant, Sacto-based Goddard Claussen/Porter-Novelli, resigned without giving much if any notice. Here's our brief update along with some other secession news...

... The 285 members of VICA had three options: yes, no or no position. The vote, announced Sept. 24th, was 57% YES, 11% NO and 32% no position (neutral). The anti-secession forces (*L.A. United* as well as the various grass roots groups opposing the split) lobbied VICA members to take a neutral position. Politically, it was a big win, but it was secondary to the resignation of GC/P-N in terms of importance...

... With 6 weeks to go until the election, the timing was terrible and no matter how YES on F tries to spin this, it's not good news, even though it will save money. And indeed money may be behind the resignation. Sources say GC/P-N is owed \$100,000, while SFVIC co-chair Richard Katz was quoted in the *L.A. Times* as saying the amount owed was \$25,000. Bottomline: YES on F has big money problems...

Other Secession News

● The Hollywood Cityhood YES on H committee has sent out a mailer which has L.A. Councilwoman Cindy Miscikowski seeing red. Even though Miscikowski voted NO on Hollywood secession, there's her photo (along with other LAFCO members) "endorsing" Hollywood secession. The YES on H mailer says LAFCO commissioners voted overwhelmingly to support Hollywood cityhood. To say that Miscikowski isn't a happy camper is an understatement. So along with Councilmembers Jack Weiss and Jan Perry, they are gearing up their Public Safety Coalition Against Secession committee. Consultant Steve Afriat will coordinate activities, which will include slates & mail. There's already \$25,000 in the bank and sources say the committee hopes to raise another \$375,000...

◆ The L.A. Police Protective League(LAPPL) has jumped into the secession battle after coming out strongly opposed to Prop. F. The LAPPL is running several hundred :60-sec. radio spots on KFWB, KNX, KTWV-FM and KRTH-FM. There are 3 different spots. In addition, the League is up on tv at KCBS and KCAL. All spots produced by consultant Hank Sheinkopf's NY office...

CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few items, political & otherwise, worth noting...

■ ***Davis Vs. Simon Polls*** – The newest poll from *Survey USA* (for KXTV in Sacto) shows Gov. Gray Davis(D) holding a 12-point lead over GOP rival Bill Simon Jr. 47% to 35%. The poll has a sample size of 849 likely voters, taken Sept. 20-21. The newest poll from the Public Policy Inst. of CA (PPIC) shows Davis leading Simon by 8 points: Davis 40% vs. Simon 32%, with 5% for Green Party candidate Peter Camejo; 3% for Libertarian Gary Copeland; 3% others; 17% don't know. The PPIC survey of 1,005 likely voters was taken Sept. 12-21...

■ ***CRP Convention Fireworks??*** – Although sources say there won't be any attempts to change the current CA Republican Party by-laws (a very hot subject), it does not mean this Sept. 27-29 gathering at the Hyatt Regency in Garden Grove will be free of controversy and tension. Lots of tension still between forces who support embattled CRP Chair Shawn Steel and those who support CRP Operations Cmt. member Gerald Parsky – President Bush's key operative in Calif. A number of initiatives will be seeking endorsements and there's bound to be some resolutions about foreign or domestic policy which will get everyone's blood boiling. The hottest thing on the entire agenda may be the treasurer's report. Question: has the CRP and/or Parsky's *Team Calif.* raised the kind of money to be competitive with Demos in this 2002 election cycle???

■ ***Judge Gives El Paso the Pipe*** – El Paso Corp., the huge seller of natural gas, has been hit by FERC's chief administrative law Judge Curtis Wagner Jr. with a decision which could see massive refunds for Calif. Wagner ruled that El Paso's pipeline division withheld at least 10% of the natural gas it was required to ship to Calif. during the 2000-01 energy shortage and has ordered the firm to pay as yet undetermined penalties for violating the law. This is great news for Calif. How much did this manipulation cost Calif. consumers? In So. Calif., Edison sources think El Paso's funny games added \$3.7 billion to energy costs...

■ ***Mirror Mirror*** – Who in Calif. has the highest name ID? According to a new Field Poll, it's Gov. Gray Davis with 91%, followed by U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein(D) with 92% and Barbara Boxer(D) with 88%. #4 on the name ID list is actor Arnold Schwarzenegger(R) with 86%, followed by another actor/director Rob Reiner(D) with 69%. Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante(D) has 59% name ID, with AG Bill Lockyer(D) at 52%...

■ ***S.F. Mayor's Race*** – Some new polling data in the Nov. 4, 2003 S.F. Mayor's race. This poll was in a recent *S.F. Chron* column by Matier & Ross. In a 7-way race: Sup. Gavin Newsom 34%; Sup. Tom Ammiano 21%, Assemblywoman Carole Migden 11%, former Sup. Angela Alioto 10%, S.F. Treas. Susan Leal 6%, Sup. Tony Hall 5%, former S.F.P.D. Chief Tony Ribera 3% - with 10% undecided. In a 1-on-1, it's Newsom 53% vs. Ammiano 36%, with 11% undecided. The sample size was 400 S.F. voters and sources say this poll was finished the week of 9/9/02. This was a private poll for some Bay area businesses conducted by the polling firm of Evans McDonough in Oakland...

CALPEEK's NEW JOBS AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook. We've got a ton of these announcements...

● U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein has promoted James Peterson from field director in L.A. to district director in her San Diego office.

● S.F.-based Solem & Assoc. gets Bay Area PRSA Compass Award for firm's campaign in 2001 against Props. F & I (public power initiatives)...

● Political/campaign consultant Ted Hilliard has dissolved his relationship with Political Marketing Internat'l and has moved to Modesto where he is serving as communications director of the Cardoza for U.S. House campaign...

● The San Fernando Valley Independence Cmt. has hired Kirsty Burkhart as community outreach director. Also joining the SFVIC as head of field/GOTV is savvy political operative Chuck Levin...

● Pollster Paul Goodwin of Goodwin Simon Strategic Research has moved his L.A. office to 10951 W. Pico Blvd., Ste. 329, L.A. 90064. (310)446-7752...

● The non-profit Civil Justice Assn. has named Jeff Sievers as VP of Legislation. He was CJAC's legislative advocate...